

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PORT L 00776 140853Z

11

ACTION NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 EA-11 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-11 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19 OMB-01

AEC-11 SAJ-01 MMS-04 DRC-01 /189 W

----- 016481

R 140725Z SEP 74

FM AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4782

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

CINCPAC

CINCUSNAVEUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0776

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PARM XO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL MEETING

REF: COLOMBO'S 2566

1. MOVE TO BRING INDIAN OCEAN COMMONWEALTH (PLUS EVENTUALLY OTHER REGIONAL) STATES TOGETHER IN A COMMON FRONT FOR AN INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE APPEARS TO BE PICKING UP STEAM. LOCAL PRESS SPECULATES THAT INDIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER SWARAN SINGH MAY VISIT MAURITIUS IN OCTOBER TO SOUND OUT MAURITIUS ON A POSSIBLE VENU FOR A MEETING OF LITTORAL STATES TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE "PROPOSED BASE IN DIEGO".

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PORT L 00776 140853Z

2. COMMENTS BY CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION UDM POLITICIAN GUY

OLLIVRY AT COLOMBO COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIAN CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN WIDELY REPORTED HERE. ABRAHAM, HEAD OF POLITICAL SECTION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CALLED DCM ATTENTION TO OLLIVRY STATEMENT AND MADE PERSONAL OBSERVATION IT INDICATED EVEN RIGHT-WING IS ON SIDE OF GOVERNMENT ON IOPZ. OLLIVRY CLAIMED THAT MAURITIUS IS PARTICULARLY AWARE OF PRESENT DANGEROUS SITUATION IN THIS AREA WHICH "COULD AFFECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION". HE EXPLAINED THAT MANY COUNTRIES OF THE REGION ARE POOR AND INDIRECTLY HAVE HELPED CREATE THE PRESENT SITUATION BECAUSE THEY CANNOT RESIST LARGE AND MEDIUM SIZED NATIONS THAT PUT PRESSURE ON THEM TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE AND BASES. HE CALLED FOR COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES OF INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL TO MEET TO TAKE ACTION TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT "INDIAN OCEAN REMAIN (SIC) FREE OF WARSHIPS AND MILITARY BASES." FOLLOWING MEETING OF REGIONAL COMMONWEALTH STATES, OLLIVRY ENVISAGED CREATION OF AN ORGANIZATION OF ALL STATES OF INDIAN OCEAN WHICH WILL WORK TOWARD GOAL OF PEACE FOR THIS AREA.

3. TONIGHT PM RAMGOOLAM IS HOSTING DINNER FOR SRI LANKA FINANCE MINISTER PERERA, WHOSE VISIT SO FAR UNANNOUNCED HERE. IN LIGHT OF REFTEL, IOPZ AND DIEGO COULD WELL BE PERERA'S MAIN INTEREST HERE AT MOMENT.

4. OUR COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW.
MANHARD

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, MILITARY BASES, DIEGO GARCIA, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 SEP 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: kelleyw0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PORTL00776
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740257-1002
From: PORT LOUIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740945/aaaablrc.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: COLOMBO'S 2566
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kelleyw0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUN 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <19 MAR 2003 by kelleyw0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: POSSIBLE INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL MEETING
TAGS: PFOR, PARM, XO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005